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### EARLY CHILDHOOD SUBCOMMITTEE

#### MEETING NOTICE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022

1 HOUR UPON ADJOURNMENT

BLATT ROOM 433

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- Due to social distancing because of the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the public are strongly encouraged to follow the meeting via the following link: [www.scstatehouse.gov/video/schedule.php](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/schedule.php)
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- The public is welcome to attend and provide testimony. If you wish to testify, there will be a sign up list at the meeting.



**I. Call to Order & Welcome** Paula Calhoon, Chair

**II. Invocation**

**III. Introduction of committee members and staff**

**H. 5186 -- Rep. Calhoon:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-152-22 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A DIRECTOR TO SERVE AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DIRECTOR; BY ADDING SECTION 59-152-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR MAY FORM AND CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE NONPROFIT FOUNDATION TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF FIRST STEPS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF

FIRST STEPS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE IT AS AN AGENCY INSTEAD OF AN INITIATIVE, TO ELIMINATE LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AGENCY AND ITS DIRECTOR; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-20, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF FIRST STEPS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-25, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING FIRST STEPS, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-30, RELATING TO THE GOALS FOR FIRST STEPS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-32, RELATING TO THE LONG-RANGE INITIATIVE OF FIRST STEPS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-33, RELATING TO THE ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE SCHOOL READINESS ASSESSMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-40, RELATING TO OVERSIGHT OF FIRST STEPS BY A BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THIS OVERSIGHT AND PROVIDE THE EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL SERVE AS AN ADVISORY BOARD TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO PROVIDE RELATED DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-50, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS AND RELATED DUTIES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-60, RELATING TO THE CREATION, FUNCTION, AND DUTIES OF LOCAL FIRST STEPS PARTNERSHIP BOARDS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND ESTABLISH REGIONAL FIRST STEPS OFFICES, TO SPECIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF EACH REGION, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-70, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF LOCAL FIRST STEPS PARTNERSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF ADVISORY BOARDS FOR EACH REGIONAL OFFICE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE ADVISORY BOARDS, AND TO PROVIDE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO PER DIEM OR COMPENSATION; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 17 OF CHAPTER 11, TITLE 63 RELATING TO THE FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS BOARD OF TRUSTEES; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-152-90 RELATING TO LOCAL PARTNERSHIP GRANT FUNDING PROCEDURES; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-152-100 RELATING TO LOCAL PARTNERSHIP GRANT USE REQUIREMENTS; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-152-120 RELATING TO LOCAL PARTNERSHIP GRANT FUNDING USE RESTRICTIONS; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-152-130 RELATING TO LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MATCHING FUNDS; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-152-140 RELATING TO CARRY FORWARD FUNDS; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-152-150 RELATING TO FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-152-160 RELATING TO INTERNAL EVALUATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

**Early Childhood Subcommittee:      Paula Calhoon, Chair      Melissa Oremus  
   Jerry Govan**

**The presentation order as indicated above does not necessarily reflect the order in which these bills will be addressed.**